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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HELMUT BREHM ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/EP00/07480)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: A POLYMER COMPOSITION AND
A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE TITLE

Please delete the title and replace with the following title:

POLYMERIZATE COMPOSITION AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 8.

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A water-soluble polymer composition obtained by continuous polymerization of at least one unsaturated monomer, wherein said polymerization at least one parameter biasing the polymerization is varied according to a recurrent pattern.